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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, and 17-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as shown below:

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A process for the fermentative preparation of L-amino acids in Corynebacterium glutamicum ~~eoryneform~~ bacteria, comprising:

a) fermenting the ~~eoryneform~~ bacteria, in which at least the ~~Corynebacterium glutamicum~~ gene encoding 1-phosphofructokinase is eliminated by a method of mutagenesis selected from the group consisting of insertion of at least one base pair, deletion of at least one base pair, and transition or transversion mutagenesis with incorporation of a nonsense mutation, in a medium and for a time suitable for the formation of the L-amino acids; and

b) accumulating the produced L-amino acids in medium or in the cells of the bacteria .

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method according to claim 3, further comprising:

c) isolating the L-amino acid.

Claim 6 (original): The method according to claim 5, wherein the medium includes a fermentation broth and constituents of the fermentation broth remain in the end product in some proportion of their original quantity.